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TAGS: PINT, PK

SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF FEDERAL CABINET MINISTERS

1. THREE MEMBERS OF PRIMIN BHUTTO'S CABINET RESIGNED FEBRUARY 14: HAYAT MOHAMMAD KHAN SHERPAO, MINISTER FOR FUEL, POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES; SARDAR GHAS BAKHSH RAISANI, MINISTER FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; AND MAHMUD ALI, MINISTER FOR NATIONAL AFFAIRS, OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS AND PRISONS. ALL THREE RESIGNATIONS WERE REQUIRED BY PROVISION IN NEW CONSTITUTION SPECIFYING THAT PERSONS NOT MEMBERS OF PERTINENT LEGISLATURES CANNOT HOLD CENTRAL OR PROVINCIAL MINISTERIAL POSTS MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER CONSTITUTION CAME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 14, 1973. SHERPAO AND RAISANI ARE MEMBERS NOT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATURE BUT OF NORTH WEST FRONTIER AND BALUCHISTAN ASSEMBLIES, RESPECTIVELY. MAHMUD ALI, A BEGALEE AND ASSOCIATE OF FORMER VICE PRESIDENT

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DENT NURUL AMIN, WAS ORIGINALLY GIVEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

PORTFOLIO LARGELY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LOYALTY TO PAKI-  
STAND AND HOLDS NO LEGISLATIVE OFFICE.

2. BHUTTO HAS NOT YET NAMED REPLACEMENTS FOR RESIGNING  
MINISTERS, AND LOCAL SPECULATION IS THAT HE MAY NOT DO

SO UNTIL AFTER ISLAMIC SUMMIT.

3. SHERPAO HAS LONG BEEN BHUTTO'S CHOSEN CANDIDATE FOR  
NWFP CHIEF MINISTERSHIP, A DESIGNATION WHICH PROVINCIAL  
GOVERNOR ASLAM KHATTAK AND PRESENT CHIEF MINISTER GANDAPUR  
HAVE BEEN ASSIDUOUSLY RESISTING (TO ACCOMPANIMENT OF PLEDGES  
OF CONTINUED LOYALTY TO BHUTTO REGIME). EXPECTED HERE THAT  
BHUTTO CAMPAIGN TO SEAT SHERPAO IN PESHAWAR WILL NOW MOVE  
INTO HIGH GEAR, AND BETTING IS THAT ODDS ARE BETTER THAN EVEN IT  
WILL SUCCEED. RAISANI, WHO WAS BHUTTO'S SHORT-TERM FIRST  
APPOINTEE AS GOVERNOR OF BALUCHISTAN, IS ALSO POTENTIAL  
CANDIDATE FOR BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTERSHIP BUT SITUATION  
THERE GOOD DEAL LESS CLEAR. NOT KNOWN WHAT, IF ANYTHING,  
BHUTTO MAY HAVE IN MIND FOR MAHMUD ALI--CHAIRMANSHIP OF ONE  
OR ANOTHER PRESTIGIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, PERHAPS, OR  
DIPLOMATIC POST ABROAD.  
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